

FY 2022 Trailer Appropriation**H027****Department: Judicial Branch****Sponsor(s): Nye****Division(s): Court Operations****Program(s): District Courts****Description(s): District Judge & Court Reporter (H027; House 2/1/21; Senate 3/8/21)****1. Background:**

H027 adds one new district judge position with resident chambers in Canyon County, beginning October 1, 2021. There are currently 47 district judges statewide (including administrative district judges). Of the 47 district judges, six are chambered in the Third Judicial District and five in Canyon County. Also, the Supreme Court has an appropriation for 48 court reporters, one for each district judge and one floating court reporter. The last enhancement for judges in the Third Judicial District occurred in FY 2014, when the Supreme Court received an appropriation for one district judge and court reporter in Canyon County.

The action, below, includes the addition of 2.00 FTP, 1.00 for a district judge and 1.00 for the associated court reporter. Also included is: (a) 75% of the associated ongoing personnel costs, i.e., salaries for the district judge and court reporter, as well as variable benefit and health benefit costs; (b) 75% of the ongoing associated operating expenditures, i.e., travel costs; and (c) 100% of the onetime associated operating expenditures, i.e., computer equipment. This action would need to be annualized as a maintenance adjustment in FY 2023.

2. Action:**District Courts:**

Fund	Type	OT	FTP	PC	OE	CO	TB	LS	Total
0001-00	Gen		2.00	260,100	7,500	0	0	0	267,600
0001-00	Gen	✓	0.00	0	5,000	0	0	0	5,000
Total			2.00	260,100	12,500	0	0	0	272,600

3. Motion:**a. Motion:**

"I move for fiscal year 2022, for the Supreme Court, in the District Courts Program, an ongoing General Fund increase of 2.00 FTP, \$260,100 in personnel costs, and \$7,500 in operating expenditures, as well as a onetime General Fund increase of \$5,000 in operating expenditures, for the purpose of a district judge and a court reporter. The total for this motion is \$272,600 from the General Fund. This motion also includes lump sum authority."

b. Discussion:

"This motion aligns the court's budget to reflect the cost of adding a new district judge and court reporter, as required by H027."